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Please amend the paragraph on page 19, lines 2-11 as follows:

---Fig. 6A shows the voltage waveform applied when striking a cold cathode fluorescent lamp connected to a piezoelectric transformer connected according to the prior art, Fig. 6B shows the voltage waveform applied when striking a cold cathode fluorescent lamp connected to a piezoelectric transformer connected according to the present invention, [(c)] Fig. 6C shows the voltage waveform applied when operating a cold cathode fluorescent lamp connected to a piezoelectric transformer connected according to the prior art, and [(d)] Fig. 6D shows the voltage waveform applied when operating a cold cathode fluorescent lamp connected according to the present invention;---

Please amend the paragraph on page 24, lines 12-14 as follows:

---Fig. 6A shows the waveform of the voltage applied to strike a CCFL 1126 connected to a conventional piezoelectric transformer 610 as shown in Fig. 5, and [Fig. 6 (c)] Fig. 6C shows the waveform of the operating voltage.---

Please amend the paragraph on page 24, lines 15-17 as follows:

---Fig. 6B shows the waveform of the voltage applied to strike a CCFL 126 connected to a piezoelectric transformer 110 according to the present invention, and [Fig. 6 (d)] Fig. 6D shows the operating voltage waveform.---

Please amend the paragraph on page 24, lines 18-19 as follows:

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---The solid lines in [Fig. 6 (b) and (d)] Figs. 6B and 6D according to the present invention indicate Vsc and Voc, and the dot-dash lines indicate Vsd and Vod.---

Please amend the paragraphs on page 25, lines 8-18 as follows:

---To operate the conventionally connected single CCFL 1126 using a prior art piezoelectric transformer 610, the ground potential (0V) is applied to one electrical terminal and Vop is applied to the other terminal as shown in [Fig. 6(c)] FIG. 6C.

With a configuration using a piezoelectric transformer 110 according to the present invention, however, Voc is applied to one end terminal of the CCFL 126 and Vod is applied to the other terminal as shown in [Fig. 6 (d)] Fig. 6D. Note that the waveforms of Voc and Vod are equal amplitude but the phase differs 180°. The potential Vo required to continue operating the CCFL 126 having two series connected lamps 126a and 126b can thus be assured.---